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This is the day when Donald G. Nutter becomes the fifteenth Governor of the State of Montana and Montana's 37th Legislature convenes.

On January 2nd—and for the next two months—the eyes of 675,000 Montanans will be focused on activities at the State House because . . .

Montana's place in the nation will depend upon the integrity, wisdom, skill, and cooperation with which the Executive and Legislative branches solve the enormous problems they face.

Their work will not be easy. It never has been . . . and never will be. Montanans and the State Planning Board wish them well.

On July 4, 1899, Governor Joseph K. Toole laid the cornerstone for the State House. He delivered an eloquent speech and in closing had these words for Montana:

> ". . . to this end, may the building about to be erected, remain in all the years to come a rallying place for free men, jealous of their rights, uncompromising in their devotion to the Constitution and the laws."

pilots to pilot montana

Montana's First Family—The Nutters

Lt. Governor Tim Babcock

Montana's two top men have many things in common . . .

Both are flyers. Governor Don Nutter was a first pilot of a B-24 and Lt. Governor Tim Babcock is a private pilot.

For the first time Montanans will have two eastern Montana men piloting the executive branch of the state. Don is our first governor to come from that area. He lived in Lambert, Glasgow, Sidney and, while getting his law degree, in Missoula. Tim lived in Glendive and Miles City and now resides in Billings.

Both have served in the Montana Legislature. Don represented Richland County as state senator for four sessions. Tim served as state representative from two counties—one term for Custer and two terms for Yellowstone.

They are veterans of World War II. Don flew 62 combat missions in the CBI theatre. Tim, a rifleman in the 99th infantry, hiked through Europe to the Siegfried Line. Each received numerous citations.

Don and Tim belong to the Shriners, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Elks. Don is also a Moose and Kiwanian. Tim is a Rotarian, Crusade Chairman for American Cancer Society, Yellowstone Council of Boy Sscouts vice president, Montana Motor Transport board chairman, and Montana Pilots Association member.

Both are married to Montana girls. Maxine Trotter of Lewistown is Mrs. Nutter and Glendive's Betty Lee is Mrs. Tim. The Nutters are parents of a son, John. The Babcock daughters are Lorna Lee and Marla Kay.

Montanans hope Pilots Don and Tim have "smooth flying" for the next four years.

around the state . . .

Diamond National at Superior is operated by a major U. S. lumber manufacturer. Diamond, with principal mills in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, also owns extensive timberland. Principal products are paperboard, folding paperboard cartons, molded pulp items (meat and vegetable trays, egg cartons) and lumber for the match and woodenware trade and retail stores.

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Plentywood-Glendive-Baker-Wyoming pipeline. Major pipelines in Montana are Texas, Yellowstone, Continental, Phillips Petroleum, Interstate, Butte, Powder River, and Oil Basin. Oil industry is being boosted by Continental's 13.5 million dollar, 433-mile (with a 55-mile spur), Cut Bank to Wyoming installation. Another boost to economy is in Roosevelt County. Fourteen wells to be drilled in the Tule Creek area.

want a dream home?

Donald Jacobson and John Johnston, partners in QUALITY HOMES of Helena, are makers both of manufactured frame buildings and constructed masonry buildings. They produce wooden panels and trusses at the plant, transport them to the building site, and erect the structure. They will design and execute the whole package or, if you prefer, they will use your architect's plans. If you wish to "do-it-yourself," they will build only as far as you specify and then leave you on your own.

Constructed masonry is something new in manufactured homes. Pumice blocks are used for exterior walls and then faced with brick. The brick is laid two inches from the blocks by means of steel spacers and the resulting space is filled with insulation. Insulation is also placed in the pumice blocks. The wooden interior panels, trusses and roof are then erected.

The plant can build one average sized home per day and both frame and constructed masonry buildings can be erected in 4-5 days. The cost of a constructed masonry building complete with basement, plumbing, wiring, heating system and interior finishing is $13.50 per square foot of floor space, if erected in Helena. The cost of a frame building is slightly higher. QUALITY HOMES will erect either type of building anywhere in Montana, and they have already built a number of homes in other communities.

QUALITY HOMES' major customers have been individuals in Montana but they plan to bid on government housing projects and special buildings. Normally, there are five persons working at the plant and a total of approximately 18 persons employed by the company. The plant is located at 1531 National Avenue. Phone Hickory 2-8139.

good news . . .

Marple's Business Roundup reports that dollar volume of business transactions (measured by value of all checks written by corporations and individuals) were UP in these Montana cities: Helena 15%, Butte 12%, Missoula 5%; and Great Falls 3%. Anaconda bounced back 53% following the 1959 copper strike.

Billings will be hosts for around 1,000 delegates ot the 1961 **National Reclamation Association's** convention next summer. Town fathers worked hard for two years to bring NRA to Billings. Convention business is becoming extremely competitive as more cities become aware of the economic benefits. A 1,000 delegate conference could very well add $20,000 a day to a city's cash income.

Whitefish Winter Carnival set for February 16-19.

Bids for construction of community facilities for a town of 150 will start the **Yellowtail Dam** project. December 15th was bid day for townsite to be 45 miles southeast of Hardin.

A vanguard of 7 trailers to house Boeing personnel working on the **Minuteman** missile project arrived in **Stanford.** Capt. Don Smith, public relations officer for Malmstrom AFB, in a speech to the Great Falls Rotary Club, predicted that Minuteman will bring in more than $129 million a year and "may be the catalyst and priming pump needed to develop Montana to its full potential."

If you happen to be in **Bozeman,** don't miss the **McGill Museum** at Montana State College. McGill is one of the most unique museums in the U. S.

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is working on economic development plans for its 440,000 acre reservation.

feeds forge ahead!

GTA Line Elevator Company of **Forsyth** constructing a $70,000 plant which will produce all types of pelleted grain for feeding cattle, hogs, and poultry. GTA will also produce custom pellets for the "specialty" trade . . . **O & K Feed Service,** just outside **Conrad,** will cater to 800 head of cattle. This feedlot is similar to the **T Bone Feeders** operation covered in INDUSTRIAL HORIZONS' November issue . . . **Marshall Young** has a $50,000 feeding plant for fattening 3,000 beeves in the **Billings** area. Corn silage, rolled barley, and dry beet pulp are the basics in the M. Y. Livestock lot . . . **Robert White, Lewistown,** who started in the feedlot business six years ago, says experiments show that barley-fed beef is superior to cornfed critters . . .

the role of the montana chamber of commerce in industrial development . . .

Mr. O. E. Markle of Glasgow was elected president of the Montana Chamber of Commerce at its recent convention in Butte. He manages a hardware, implement and petroleum products firm. A native Montanan, Mr. Markle has taken an active part in development programs in his home area and continues "The Role of Industrial Development" series from the Chamber of Commerce viewpoint.

Q. What is the Montana Chamber of Commerce doing in the field of industrial development?

A. We have had, for many years, an industrial development committee. One of its principal functions now is to work in cooperation with the Montana State Planning Board, and the committee and board have held joint meetings to further industrial development.

Q. What do you feel is the most important factor in industrial development?

A. The Montana Chamber of Commerce has a 14-point "Business and Employment Improvement Program." Much of it is directed at seeking to improve the Montana State governmental and business "climate" in such fields as taxation, tourist travel, governmental expense, and active participation by our membership in government and political activities as each member chooses. There is a growing belief in the business community that what government does or does not do has a profound effect upon business and payrolls.

Q. What will a good "climate" do for Montana?

A. A good "climate" is winning plants and industrial expansion for many states. This is not exclusively a matter of taxation, although we rank that high. It is the whole picture of a state or a community. We believe that government understanding in regulation and legislation affecting business is of number one importance in insuring more steady jobs for Montanans. In other words, what is good for business and industry will be good for every man and woman who has a job. And by the same token, all of us should be interested in industrial development and in business and employment improvements.

Q. Does the Montana Chamber of Commerce work with local Chambers of Commerce in such fields?

A. Not directly. Local Chambers of Commerce in Montana are independent units and are not subordinate to the Montana Chamber, although the great majority of them hold membership with us and assist us in many ways. It is interesting to note that the recent meeting of the Montana Association of Commercial organization Managers endorsed a program for local "business climate" surveys by the chambers. Many had already started on such surveys and many more are now starting them.

Q. Do local Chambers do other industrial development work?

A. Yes, in various ways. Many have made community surveys, sometimes aided by State Planing Board staff members. More recently, several have sponsored and organized local industrial development corporations for acquisition and development of industrial and business sites.

Q. Could you mention any other Montana Chamber policies?

A. Yes. We also believe that our role in an improvement program is not only to encourage new industry to come to our State, but to do everything in our power to encourage and develop the industries and businesses that we now have. We believe that our program will automatically bring about that condition, and we know that the success of other states and many communities demonstrates the worth of the program.

Concluding, we offer our continued support and cooperation to the Montana State Planning Board.

18 north 33rd street . . . billings

A garage is no longer empty! Thirteen full time employees are hard at work filling a large contract for surveyors' stakes; repairing, refinishing, re-upholstering about any item you can mention from chairs and loveseats to toasters and TV's; weaving rugs, and sewing and mending. Soon the thirteen will be increased to twenty.

Plans are being made to develop a top quality line of "Made in Montana" products to be produced by over five hundred persons living in the Billings area. Delos Kelley, president and general manager of the corporation, has high hopes (tempered by caution and common sense) that this operation . . . **the first of its kind in Montana** . . . will eventually be self-sustaining.

Mr. Kelley is a rare and unusual man. He can fix almost anything and does at his **Kelley's Fix-It-Shop.** A Rocky Mountain College BS graduate, Mr. Kelley also took many classes in industrial arts and teaching. He has worked in the field of rehabilitation. Mr. Kelley is courageous and persistent and when he makes up his mind to do something, **he does it.**

Delos Kelley, a man of perhaps 45, has been blind for 30 years. The corporation he is heading is Handicapped, Inc. Every employee has some physical disability which limits his or her economic prospect. At Handicapped, employees are learning skills which will enable them to earn money. Mr. Kelley, of course, is the instructor.

Working closely with Handicapped, Inc., which is a non-profit community organization operating within the framework of the Midland Rehabilitation Association, is Dr. Louis W. Allard. Dr. Allard is on the board of directors and holds the office of executive coordinator of Handicapped, Inc.

One of the products under consideration for "Made in Montana" articles is a fan guard . . .

lady inventor . . . at huntley, montana

A REMARKABLE LADY

MRS. EVA A. SHUNKWEILER

has invented and patented a most-needed product.

It is a guard for electric fans. This is a protective device designed to keep children from sticking their fingers into whirling fan blades.

That this could be a boon is evidenced by the fact that during a single summer season 27 youngsters were admitted to just one Billings hospital with injured fingers. There's no telling how many other children did not need hospitalization.

Mrs. Shunkweiller and Mr Kelley are exploring the possibilities of Handicapped, Inc. producing the guard.

with the planning board . . .

Planning Board Chairman D. P. Fabrick was chairman of a symposium, "Preview of Things to Come" at the second conference for lawmakers on **Financing State Services** held at Montana State College, Bozeman.

R. C. Setterstrom, chairman of the Advisory Council, spoke on **Future Challenges for Montana Communities** at a Bozeman Rotary Club luncheon.

Director E. O. Sowerwine, Jr., has been a "man on the go." He attended 32 meetings in the following cities: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Columbus, Dillon, Lewistown, Libby, Missoula, Nye, Red Lodge, Shelby, and Thompson Falls. In remarks to delegates to the conference on **Financing State Services,** Mr. Sowerwine had this to say, "I've found the discussions very interesting and informative, however, I believe there's one essential that's been neglected.

"Let's say you're making a chain to move Montana forward. You have considered Montana's needs as the first link. You have taken care of the costs of these needs by considering various types of taxes on Montana people as the second link.

"But (with the exception of discussion of possible savings in state government costs and Mr. George Lund's remark that other states seem to have more money than Montana) no consideration has been given to where the people of Montana will get the money to pay these taxes. How strong is a chain with one link missing?

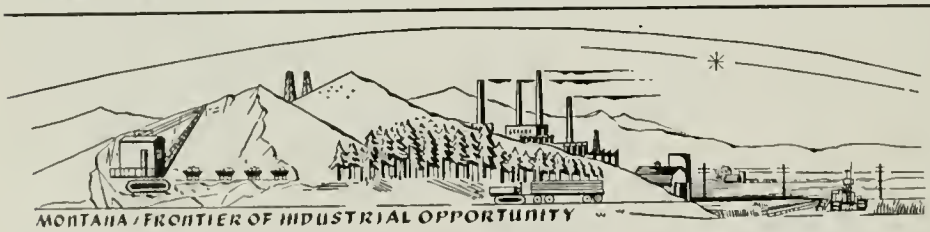
"Most of us agree that Montana has needs that must be met. All these needs will require purchase of some out-of-state and out-of-region goods and services and will result in more dollars leaving Montana.

"Montana is just like a big family. Collectively we must live within our income by a balance of dollars crossing our border, in and out. If we don't find means of bringing more dollars INTO the state to balance those going OUT to pay for these increased needs, then these needs will have to be paid for out of the pockets of Montanans by REDUCING their per capita disposable income. This is what has been happening recently.

"Per capita disposable income is per capita income minus per capita taxes. It is what we each, on the average, have left to spend.

"I'd like to see some efforts to strengthen this third link in our chain needed to move Montana forward. Only further development of our economy will satisfy our needs without further burdening the Montana taxpayers."

Everett Darlinton, assistant director, attended the Montana Water Pollution Council's public hearing on the classification of the Missouri River and its tributaries which was held in Great Falls.



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